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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH HIGH
BREAKDOWN -VOLTAGE REGULATOR

Examiner: C. O'toole

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited by a Supplementary European Search Report dated January 2, 2008, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. Only U.S. Patent No, 6,556,182 is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. All other patents and applications listed in the Supplementary European Search Report were cited in an IDS filed on January 3, 2006 and are not listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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